



Waiuku Pistol Club

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March 2020 Newsletter

Committee Positions

Thank you to those members who contacted us and offered to help.

Three members came to our Committee meeting on Saturday to find out more and confirm their offers.

Raymond G will be taking over the Treasurer's role and Matt C will be managing our website. Tim T offered to help out with repairs, maintenance and general upkeep.

Thank you guys, is great to have you put up your hands and contribute to making our club the best around.

Club Captain

We are still looking for someone to take on this role. It is a Committee position to liaise with Section Leaders to coordinate Club events and collect results from Club and away events to go on the website and in the Newsletter. There would be plenty of support from other Committee members. If you think you could be interested contact Gary, secretary@waiukupistolclub.org.nz or Paul armor@waiukupistolclub.org.nz

Working Bee

Our next full **Working Bee** is scheduled for **Sunday 29th March 9-00 – 12-30** i.e. in 2 week's time

Jobs to be done:

R1

Fix Pulleys (again) on the Flagpole

R2

Locate the new Silhouette frames onto the concrete Pads/Uprights
Frank is arranging some steel channel to straddle the existing uprights supporting the current frames

We will remove the old frames, lay the C-Channel sideways across the existing supports then lift and fix the new frames into place

R3

Build a wall

We want to stack 2 rows deep, 2m height full range width with topsoil filled sacks to square up the berm.

We will have a 10m³ pile of topsoil and approximately 600 sacks to fill.

R5

Fix Wooden Roofs on the Falling Plate Frames

Timber to be replaced but this time we are adding a steel brace to the top of the roof to stop the timber sagging

R6 The 25m Range up the Hill which we are intending to use for Air rifles and Archery

General clean up

Scape floor clean

Build Side Berm up so Shelter is hidden from Ranges 1,2,3,4,5

For this Working Bee we will try and focus teams 1st on the bigger tasks and time permitting we can then move onto the smaller ones so the order of priority is:

- 1) R3 "The Wall"
- 2) R2 Silhouettes
- 3) R5 Falling Plate Roofs
- 4) Flagpole
- 5) R6 cleanup/berm

As usual we will need wheelbarrows, shovels, Battery Tools and lots of man/woman power

Also a general request leading up to and beyond the working bee

If you see any broken target frames, or in fact anything that is broken please bring them out of the range and stack by the water tank behind the clubhouse. This way the Thursday maintenance crew can easily see what needs repairing without having to hunt around all the ranges trying to find discarded broken frames/equipment etc

Remember if you attend a working bee or are involved in other service to the club you will get a \$50 discount on your 2020 - 21 subs. Make sure your attendance is recorded.

Keeping the Ranges tidy

All members have a responsibility to use targets properly and help keep our ranges tidy.

Please remember:

- The barrels down range are not bins, there are bins in the range shelters
- Pick up your brass – including .22
- Targets should only be on stands (or the full barrels designated for that use)
- Remove broken items e.g. target stands, from the range (see the reminder under the working bee item, remove and put them by the water tank for repair)
- If you set up targets / stages, clean up when finished – remove and bin shot out targets, stack target stands and props on the side of the range
- Steel targets are for specific uses e.g. Cowboy shotgun steel targets are not for pistols

It would be great if everyone took some personal responsibility to help by tidying up after yourself, or even doing a quick range tidy if someone else has left it in a mess.

The Committee's position is if you are not prepared to leave the range tidy, do not come and shoot. There will be reminders about this posted on the ranges soon, so there are no excuses.

Watch your Speed

We were been contacted by a concerned neighbour re excess speed and careless driving on the roads leading to the Club, i.e. on Whiriwhiri and Robertson Roads,

particularly on Sunday mornings prior to 10am.

We all need to be mindful that we share these roads with local residents. It's obvious the roads are narrow and windy with blind corners, so we all need be mindful of what or who may be coming in the opposite direction.

There's no need to speed, the simple solution if you're running late is to leave home earlier.

This also applies to the driveway leading into the range as with more use by our neighbours in the properties behind the Club, we need to take just as much care about who might be coming in the opposite direction on the driveway. We will be putting 30K signs up at the gate and ask that all members observe this speed limit.

Police Inspection

The inspection went well with no concerns raised.

Pistol Training

We currently have two groups of Tyros on a week about schedule in their second week of training, approximately 18 Tyros in total.

Emails are sent out on Mondays to make sure that the two groups are reminded of their training weekend.

At the end of their Tyro session each week the trainers are trying to show them different matches that are being shot on that Sunday.

Planting Project

Early this winter (if we ever get any decent rain!) we are planning stage 2 of our coastal native planting project on the hill at the end of the ranges. We intend to plant up to 1000 trees so will need a good sized team to do this.

Covid 19

In line with Ministry of Health guidelines please do not come to the club if you are unwell, especially if you have any symptoms of cold or flu, and maintain appropriate social distancing. Hand washing: we will endeavour to keep the bathrooms stocked with soap and

paper towels, but it would be a sensible idea to bring your own soap and towel or hand sanitiser as well.

If for any reason the Committee decides it is necessary to restrict access to the Club, to postpone or cancel any events we will notify members via email.

Enjoy safe shooting.

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